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WEEKA ITEM 7 (REFTEL) NOTED GUB CONDUCTING "OPERATION ZINNU" IN CHIN HILLS AGAINST OPIUM FIELDS AND HAVE THUS FAR DESTROYED 264 ACREEG. MILITARY SOURCES HAVE NOW ADVISED EMBASSY THAT USG-USPLIED BELL HELICOPTERS WERE USED IN FIRST PHASE OF THIS CAMPAIGN AND WILL APPARENTLY BE USED IN NEXT PHASE. BURMA ARMY OPERATIONS CHIEF, COL. MAUNG MAUNG, VOLUNTEERED TO EMBOFF TWO WEEKS AGO THAT HELICOPTERS WOULD BE ENGAGED IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS PRIOR TO END OF DECEMBER BUT DECLINED TO ELABORATE AT THAT TIME. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GATHER ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE USE OF THE HELICOPTERS IN THSLNURRENT CAMPAIGN. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN USED INHAPERATIONS AGAINST POPPY FIELDS.

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